

COASTAL AMERICA AWARDS PROGRAM

Partnership Awards

recognize outstanding Coastal America partnership efforts and/or multi-agency projects.

Spirit Awards

recognize outstanding partnership efforts that demonstrate the "spirit" of Coastal America.

Criteria:

- At least one (1) federal agency partner, as well as one (1) non-federal entity must be involved in the project.
- The project must clearly demonstrate the “value-added” of the partnership effort.
- The project should demonstrate an innovative or unique way of accomplishing stated goals and objectives with positive environmental results.
- The project must demonstrate a contribution to the Coastal America objectives: (1) to protect, preserve and restore the Nation’s coastal resources; and/or (2) to increase public awareness and education.



Kameran Onley, Associate Director for Ocean Policy, White House Council on Environmental Policy (CEQ), presented a Spirit Award and letter from the Chairman CEQ to the Hatfield Marine Science Center SeaFest Planning Team.

Nominations:

Nominations should be submitted using the nomination form available on Coastal America’s website (www.coastalamerica.gov/text/awards.html) or by submitting a written nomination (3 pages maximum, 12 point font, single spaced) addressing the following questions.



John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, presented a Partnership Award and letter from the President to representatives of the Batsto River Fisheries Restoration Team.

1. What is the name of the nominated team?
2. Identify the team leader, team members, and their agency affiliation. Provide all contact information, including mail, phone, fax and email addresses.
3. How did the team demonstrate the “value added” of a partnership effort? (e.g., how did the project or process accomplish what a single agency alone could not?)
4. Describe the project or process you are nominating and how it is creative or innovative.
5. What are the most significant achievements and outcomes of the project or process?
6. Explain how the project or process contributes to Coastal America’s mission to protect, preserve, and restore coastal resources.
7. Has the project been endorsed by a Coastal America regional team?
8. Nominator should provide name, contact information, and date the nomination.



Timothy R. E. Keeney, Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Benjamin Grumbles, Assistant Administrator for Water at U.S. EPA presented a Partnership Award to the Bridge Creek Salt Marsh Restoration Project Team followed by a site-visit.

Special Recognition Awards

recognize non-federal organizations for their demonstrated leadership in establishing partnerships.

Criteria:

- A non-federal organization must have made a significant or innovative contribution to coastal restoration, preservation, protection, and/or to increase public awareness and education. The organization may be a member of a nominated partnership or spirit award team.

Nominations:

Nominations should be submitted using the nomination form available on Coastal America’s website (www.coastalamerica.gov/text/awards.html) or by submitting a written nomination (2 pages maximum, 12 point font, single spaced) addressing the following.

1. What is the name of the nominated organization?
2. Explain how the organization demonstrated leadership in establishing partnerships.
3. Describe how the organization’s leadership efforts contribute to Coastal America’s mission to protect, preserve, and restore coastal resources.
4. Nominator should include name, contact information, and date nomination.

Senator John H. Chafee Coastal Stewardship Award

recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership of national significance.



James L. Connaughton, Chairman, White House Council on Environmental Quality presented Admiral James D. Watlins, USN (Ret.) Chair, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, with the Senator John H. Chafee Coastal Stewardship Award.

Nominations for the Chafee award may be submitted to Coastal America at anytime.

Selection ~

- The Coastal America National Implementation Team (NIT) and Regional Implementation Teams (RITs) will review nominations. Nominators are encouraged to inform your area RIT Chair of your submission. Chairs are:

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- The Coastal America Principals Group will make the final determination of the annual recipients of the Coastal America Awards.
- The Coastal America National Coordinating Office will notify all nominees and award winners by August 2006. Coastal America will work with award winners to schedule ceremonies, as appropriate, at regional locations.



*“My Administration
strongly supports such
efforts to bring together
collective resources to
meet common goals
and address challenging
environmental needs.”*

*— George W. Bush
(excerpt from
Partnership Award Letter)*

Nominations Due By:
April 14, 2006

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